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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Irene Teresa Rombel et al.

Serial No.: 09/728,041

Filed: December 1, 2000

For: OPEN READING FRAME DETECTION
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Unknown

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including August 29, 2001 in which to respond to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed June 25, 2001, the response deadline for which was May 29, 2001 (based upon the Notice to File Missing Parts dated March 29, 2001).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$390.00 is enclosed, which is the fee for a three-month extension less \$55.00 which was submitted at the time of the original response to the Notice to File Missing Parts.

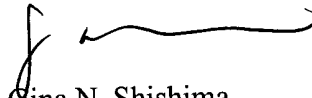
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